Victoria Man Buys Sidney Duck Farm

Largest duck hatchery in Canada, the famous Sidney Duck Farm, has been sold by Capt. and Mrs. H. G. Kennaird to Walter G. Cullimore, of Victoria, and his son, Dennis. Amount involved in the transaction was not disclosed.

Capt. Kennaird, who converted a small freight vessel into Mv. Brentwood, and originated the Brentwood-Mill Bay ferry in 1924, retired from the sea and purchased the farm from L. G. Thomas more than 10 years ago.

Operation of the hatchery, which until then had been carried on in the basement of the home on the property, was expanded by Capt. Kennaird with the construction of a modern hatchery using 12 automatic incubators. Recently a killing and eviscerating plant was installed, at a cost of several thousand dollars.

Day-old ducks, which are the main product of the farm, are shipped as far east as Toronto. Other birds have been raised as side lines. Last year these included 1,500 pheasants and a large number of guinea fowl for the luxury market.

Capt. and Mrs. Kennaird have taken up residence at Curteis Point, and will remain connected with the business in an advisory capacity.

Hatchery manager will be Ray Russell, who has had wide experience in poultry raising in Scotland and on the prairies.

Ottawa Getting Wrong Impression

Who Said College Doesn't Need More Land Now?

By HARRY YOUNG
Colonist Business Editor

It is unfortunate the impression is being conveyed that Victoria College requires no more ground than it owns at present to get on with its transformation into a university.

These people are doing a great disservice to the university cause, and may indeed block for many years the existing plans of the Victoria College council for expansion and development.

The grounds that the college council wants to obtain are the 57 acres off Sinclair Road, owned by the Ministry of Transport, and on option to the city of Victoria at $29,000; and the 63 acres of the former Gordon Head military camp.

At a meeting of the new university's joint planning committee last week, college principal Harry Hickman made a strong denial that these lands were not required immediately.

"I have never said anything else," he informed members of the committee.

Dr. Hickman made his comment when the committee was told that its chances of obtaining the lands from Ottawa were being seriously retarded by reports from Victoria that the land was not needed seriously and might not even be used for university purposes for 20 or 30 years.

Dr. Hickman said that far from this being the case, it would be used immediately for athletic purposes, and he believed that within a few months of the deal being completed existing facilities would be called into service as temporary classrooms.

With this assurance being given, there should be no valid reason why the federal government should treat the offers to purchase the lands in question with such callous indifference.

So far as the Gordon Head camp is concerned the college council is understood to have made a tentative bid of $100,000, upping a previous bid of $53,000 which, it is claimed, Ottawa rejected as unrealistic.

No Ottawa Indication

So far the government at Ottawa has given no indication that it will accept the $100,000.

As this represents about $1,300 an acre for the Gordon Head camp, it is difficult to see how Ottawa can think that the new bid is insufficient. Even if the offer had been made for a commercial subdivision, this sum might have been adequate.

But for so vital a community purpose as a university, the $100,000 looks not only generous, but unnecessarily heavy.

That at least is the view of some members of the Chamber of Commerce university sub-committee. They have made the suggestion that the university should pick up the city's option on the board of transport's 57 acres from the city of Victoria, and for the remaining land, the sum should be that at which the government originally purchased the land.

The position of Defence Minister Pearkes in this matter has also come in for considerable criticism.

Mr. Pearkes is not only a leading member of the cabinet but he is also the senior MP for the district, and the proposed site of the university extension is in his own riding.

Over 15 months ago Mr. Pearkes informed the college council and the university subcommittee that he would not declare the Gordon Head camp surplus to requirements without first informing the council that he was going to hand the property over to the Crown Assets Disposal Board.

Mr. Pearkes appears to have forgotten this promise, for the Chamber—one of the parties to whom the promise was made—was not informed that the minister had taken the action a few weeks ago. Gordon Head is now in the hands of Defence Production Minister Raymond O'Hurley.

Land Is Needed, Mr. Pearkes

It is possible, of course, that the impression may have been erroneously conveyed to Mr. Pearkes that the land was no longer needed for university purposes.

If that is so, Mr. Pearkes should be informed without delay that this is not the case.

Because of the delays already caused by Ottawa's procrastination, Victoria College has been brought face to face with an immediate overcrowding problem.

It is asking the B.C. government to advance funds which will enable it to build a library and new heating plant on the existing location in order to meet the enrollment of 1960.

The B.C. government has made no provision for such buildings in its current estimates and Premier Bennett has indicated that the first step must be the acquisition of the Gordon Head lands.

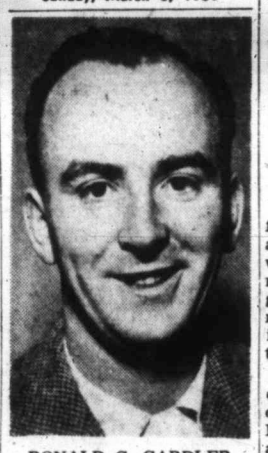
The college is thus in the nature of becoming a political football, and its plight is not eased by the fact that it cannot appeal for public funds for another year, because such a drive would interfere with the three-year fund raising campaign of its parent at Point Grey.

If however the lands at Gordon Head can be acquired for a price that the college can pay for out of its own reserves, then the B.C. government's public works department can get to work on long-term plans, that would first of all expand the existing campus to meet immediate needs and then gradually develop the Gordon Head lands for further requirements.

It is simply not good enough that the disposition of the Gordon Head camp should be kicked around from one Ottawa department to another while the important university question is held up for want of an answer.

Metallurgist Speaks

Distinguished metallurgist Dr. Clarence H. Lorig is to present certificates Tuesday evening to the sustaining members of the Vancouver Island chapter of the American Society for Metals. Dr. Lorig, chairman of the American Society, will also address the local chapter's meeting in the Pacific club at 6.30. Sustaining members who will receive certificates are Yarrow's, V&D, Island Tug and Barge, Canadian Liquid Air, Fairey Aviation, Kennametal of Canada, McIlwaine Welding Supplies, Simonds Canada Saw Co., Wilkinson Steel Co. and Scott Foster Ltd.



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Another Courtesy Driver

Motorist Helped At Critical Time

A driver who provided real help at a time it was most needed is latest nominee by Saanich police for a courtesy driver award.

He is Ronald G. Gardler, 507 Whiteside.

On a recent afternoon, Mr. Gardler was driving home when he came on the scene of a major accident at Trans-Canada Highway and Tillicum. Three people had been hurt, and at the time, there was only one Saanich policeman on hand.

Since it was the homebound rush hour, traffic was piling up. Mr. Gardler parked his car, offered help that was warmly welcomed, and directed traffic at the intersection until the situation had cleared.

His action made it possible for police to carry on essential work of caring for the injured and gathering information on the accident.

Courtesy drivers ar selected by police of Greater Victoria, and awarded with co-operation of Woodward Stores (Victoria) Ltd., Frigidaire Ltd., the Victoria Hockey Club and The Daily Colonist.

Each one chosen receives tickets for a home game of the Cougars and, later a certificate signed by the chief of police.

Shipyards, Construction Ease Unemployment

Unemployment in Victoria eased off slightly during the past week.

The National Employment Office reports that up to Thursday there were 3,649 men looking for work, 132 less than a week ago. The office said the decrease was due to a boost in shipyards and construction hiring.

Number of women seeking jobs—1,839—was about the same as the previous week.

Sell Stock, Says Government

Du Pont, GM Build Case To Block Divorce by U.S.

CHICAGO (AP) — Lawyers for E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Co. are lining up expert witnesses to counter a government proposal to divest the giant chemical firm of its multi-billion dollar investment in General Motors Corporation.

The latest phase of the government's anti-trust suit to divorce du Pont and General Motors was recessed Thursday after the government completed nearly three weeks of testimony in support of its plan.

The hearing before Judge Walter J. Labuy will resume March 16 when counsel for du Pont and General Motors will ask the court to reject the government plan and adopt one proposed by the firms involved.

Judge Labuy must determine how to end du Pont's influence over General Motors with the least possible economic upheaval.

The Supreme Court has ruled that du Pont's holdings in GM—63,000,000 shares with a value of nearly $3,000,000,000—constitutes a tendency toward monopoly and are in violation of the Clayton Act. The high court directed Judge Labuy to take whatever steps are necessary to end the close association of the two firms.

The government's proposal has brought loud cries from du Pont and GM. They contend the plan would unjustly penalize almost 1,000,000 stockholders of the two companies and touch off heavy selling of other stocks.

Briefly, the government has proposed that du Pont distribute 43,000,000 GM shares to du Pont shareholders on a prorated basis and sell the remaining 20,000,000 shares on the open market during a 10-year period.

Du Pont offered another plan, a proposal that would strip du Pont of its GM voting rights while permitting the firm to retain title and dividend benefits.

The government presented testimony from more than a dozen market experts to bolster its claim that the market could absorb up to 2,000,000 shares of GM stock annually during the proposed 10-year sell-off without adverse effect.

Profit at Record For Fourth Year

For the fourth successive year, Industrial Acceptance Corp. increased its net profits to a new high. In 1958, IAC net profit was $10,735,128 ($3.59 a share). This compared with $9,184,161 ($3.05 a share) in 1957.

Drivers Share $600

For driving 1,000,000 miles with only four accidents, 50 C & C Transportation Co., Ltd., drivers recently shared $600.

"We should like to congratulate our drivers on their performance during the past year," said Cecil Rhodes, general manager.

The $600 was the remainder of $1,000 offered as a safety prize by the company. Drivers get what is left after the cost of accidents is deducted.

Mr. Rhodes said for a third year in a row the company is offering a $1,000 safety award for the drivers. It was effective March 1.

Harry Young's Business Topics

B.C. Could Do More For Full Employment

The B.C. government standing committee of labor has been given some sound ideas how it can improve the employment picture in B.C. by the B.C. branch of the Manufacturers' Association.

Asked how this vexed problem of seasonal and other employment can be met, the provincial CMA in a brief presented Friday said that everyone had to help. Not only management and labor but the government as well had to create a climate to encourage existing industry and to attract newcomers.

The B.C. government is not responsible for all the ills of the province, but it is contributing to some of the worries.

CMA has said the government is hurting industry with its steadily increasing municipal property tax, licence fees, business taxes, school taxes, taxes on machinery, Workmen's Compensation assessment, and the hated 5 per cent sales tax on machinery and goods consumed in the course of manufacture.

To provide this relief the government was asked to institute economies at all levels of government.

The CMA also put forward facts and figures to show that the government itself could also help by giving a better break to the B.C. manufacturer by specifying in contracts B.C. manufactured goods where possible.

"Some time ago when B.C. government and local municipality contracts were being awarded, a 10 per cent differential was allowed in favor of B.C. manufactured goods," said Oscar Olson, president of the B.C. division. "We no longer expect that, but we think that where everything else is equal the government should stipulate 'made in B.C.' "

Mr. Olson pointed out that in many government contracts the specifications by architects were based on foreign products "or equal," even when B.C. manufacturers had this particular line.

"All we ask is that when a product is specified and there is a B.C. manufacturer, all architects working on government plans should name the B.C. product rather than one produced in other parts of Canada or abroad," said Mr. Olson.

What happens, according to CMA member R. B. McDonell, is that in many cases architects specify an ex-provincial product when one equally good is manufactured in B.C.

A list was given of 10 government contracts in which nine of 10 architects specified eastern Canadian products, or equal, despite the fact that a similar product was made in B.C.

The end of that story is that all 10 contracts were awarded to the eastern firm, despite the fact that in some cases the B.C. price was the lower of the two.

If the B.C. firm had received all the contracts it would have provided a year's work for three employees.

The CMA stated that B.C. government architects in most cases do specify B.C. materials, but when other architects are doing provincial work they do not.

The B.C. manufacturers also refer to the problem of their labor casts. They showed the government that latest statistics show the manufacturing wage in B.C. to be 205.4 cents an hour, compared with 176.8 cents in Alberta; 175.2 cents in Ontario; 159.1 cents in Manitoba and 150.0 cents in Quebec.

The CMA left the B.C. standing committee on labor with a clear impression it believes the government itself can do a great deal to relieve the unemployment situation.

Counter-Proposal Ready for Marchers?

Ottawa Farm Barricades Up

By DON PEACOCK

OTTAWA (CP) — An 1,100-member force of Prairie grain growers descends on the capital tomorrow morning to besiege the government with demands for deficiency payments on grain.

No reconnoitring is necessary any longer to learn the government is prepared for the encounter. It might even have a counter-proposal waiting in reserve.

Agriculture Minister Harkness made it plain in an national radio speech Friday that the government is opposed to a deficiency payment type of subsidy for grain crops which Canada already has difficulty selling.

Taking a firm stand before the prospective onslaught of the western force — which claims to represent 300,000 growers—the Calgary livestock man entrusted with shaping government agriculture policy said:

"The so-called deficiency payments plan would provide the greatest assistance to those who need it the least—that is, the biggest farmers—because the assistance provided would be tied directly to the number of bushels of grain delivered to the elevators."

But he did not pull up the drawbridge and close the castle gates to the possibility of other government aid to farmers.

"Whatever assistance is provided to western farmers," he said, "can be provided on a much fairer and sounder basis by means other than the deficiency payments."

One "much fairer" means of providing assistance would be payment on an acreage basis as the government provided western farmers last year.

That one-year subsidy totalled $41,300,000 and amounted to $1 an acre up to a maximum of $200 for each farm. Farm groups have described this payment as inadequate.

"Under that scheme," said Mr. Harkness, "much greater assistance, proportionately, was provided the smaller farmers than the larger farmers, and it ensured that those who failed to obtain crops and those who had light crops benefited as well as those who had harvested grain."

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